

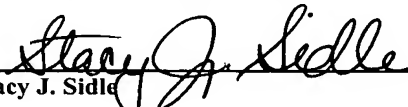
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
David John Zanzig, et al. )  
For: TIRE WITH COMPONENT OF )  
RUBBER COMPOSITION COMPRISED )  
OF SILANOL AND/OR SILOXY )  
FUNCTIONALIZED ELASTOMER AND )  
SILICA )  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Official Action dated October 21, 2005, please make the following amendments in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the Applicants' invention.